REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicants' present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 30, 1995. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Amendment of the Claims

Claims 1, 21, 26, 35, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 52, and 60 have been amended to cure minor omissions and errors. The amendments do not change the scope of the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 through 60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The Examiner stated that "[c]laims 1-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bulfer, et al." Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

The Bulfer U.S. Patent No. 5,392,357 discloses a security node disposed within a communications network. The Bulfer reference discloses a security node 150 which includes an encryptor bank 170. Specification at col. 4, lines 43-50; FIG. 1. Normally, the security node 150 is separate from the transmitting calling party location and receiving calling party location, CPE 101 and CPE 102, respectively. Specification at col. 3, lines 5-25; FIG. 1. An encryptor 172 within the encryptor bank 170 of the security node 150 encrypts and decrypts the encrypted signal as required. Specification at col. 5, line 65 to col. 6, line 5; specification at col. 7, lines 9-14; FIG. 1. The Bulfer reference states "a clear communication path [is]... established from CPE 101 through [security] node 150 to the called party CPE 102." Specification at col. 7, lines 62-64. signal.

Applicant's claim 1 recites a method for privately communicating over a wireless communications network. Claim 1 recites the step of enciphering a signal which is performed in the first signal processing circuit within the first communications controller circuit at the first location where the first communications controller circuit at the first location also performs the step of transmitting the enciphered signal. This structure and function does not appear in the Bulfer reference and cannot be inferred from the Bulfer reference. Applicant's claim 1 also recites the step of deciphering the signal which is performed in the second signal processing circuit within the second communications controller circuit at the second location where the second communications controller circuit at the second location also performs the step of receiving the enciphered signal. Again, this structure and function does not appear in the Bulfer reference and cannot be inferred from the Bulfer reference. As discussed above, the Bulfer reference does not disclose a method for privately communicating over a wireless communications network as claimed by the applicant. Accordingly, claim 1 and dependent claims 2 through 20 are allowable.

Applicant's claim 21 recites a system for privately communicating communications signals over a wireless communications network. Claim 21 recites that a first signal processing circuit within the first communications controller circuit at the first location enciphers a communication signal and that the first communications controller circuit at the first location is associated with a first transceiver which transmits the enciphered signal. This structure and function does not appear in the Bulfer reference and cannot be inferred from the Bulfer reference. Claim 21 also recites that a

second signal processing circuit within the second
communications controller circuit at the second location
deciphers the enciphered signal and that the second
communications controller circuit is associated with a second
transceiver which receives the enciphered signal. Again,
this structure and function does not appear in the Bulfer
reference and cannot be inferred from the Bulfer reference.
As discussed above, the Bulfer reference does not disclose a
system for privately communicating over a wireless
communications network as claimed by the applicant.
Accordingly, claim 21 and dependent claims 22 through 42 are
allowable.

Applicant's claim 43 recites a communications controller
circuit for privately communicating communications signals
over a wireless communications network. Claim 43 recites that
a signal processing circuit within the communication
controller circuit enciphers a communication signal and that
the communications controller circuit is associated with a
transceiver which transmits the enciphered signal. This
structure and function does not appear in the Bulfer reference
and cannot be inferred from the Bulfer reference. As
discussed above, the Bulfer reference does not disclose a
communications controller circuit for privately communicating
over a wireless communications network as claimed by the
applicant. Accordingly, claim 43 and dependent claims 44
through 60 are allowable.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this
case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons
and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants
respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1 through 60.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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